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FOR PATENT APPLICATION**

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**DECLARATION:** As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled  
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the specification of which:

☐ is attached hereto OR was filed before the USPTO on \_\_\_, receiving U.S. application number \_\_\_.  
☒ was filed on 3 June 2004 as PCT Application Number PCT/PT2004/000011 and amended  
Under Article 19 as published by WIPO on 03 February 2005.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above. I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR § 1.56.

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(Application Serial No.)	(Filing Date)	(Status - patented, pending, abandoned)
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